

Office of the State Superintendent of Education,
Office of Public Charter School Financing and Support

CHARTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM, TITLE V PART B, START-UP

October 7, 2010

Information Session: Understanding Grant Phases
and Uses of Funds

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Overview of CSP Start-up Grant

- The Charter Schools Program (CSP) was authorized in 1994
- OSSE awarded 5-yr CSP grant under FY 2010 competition in August
- One of the purposes of the grant is to provide financial assistance for the planning, program design and initial implementation of charter schools
- The grant is divided into two phases; Planning and Program Design (18 mos.) and Initial Implementation (24 mos.) The award period is not to exceed 36 months
- The first sub-grant awarded under OSSE received;
 - Planning and Program Design- \$180,000
 - Initial Implementation Yr. 1- \$260,000
 - Initial Implementation Yr. 2- \$260,000
 - *Additional Funding- \$200,000; not available under new grant*

Allowable Expenses By Phase

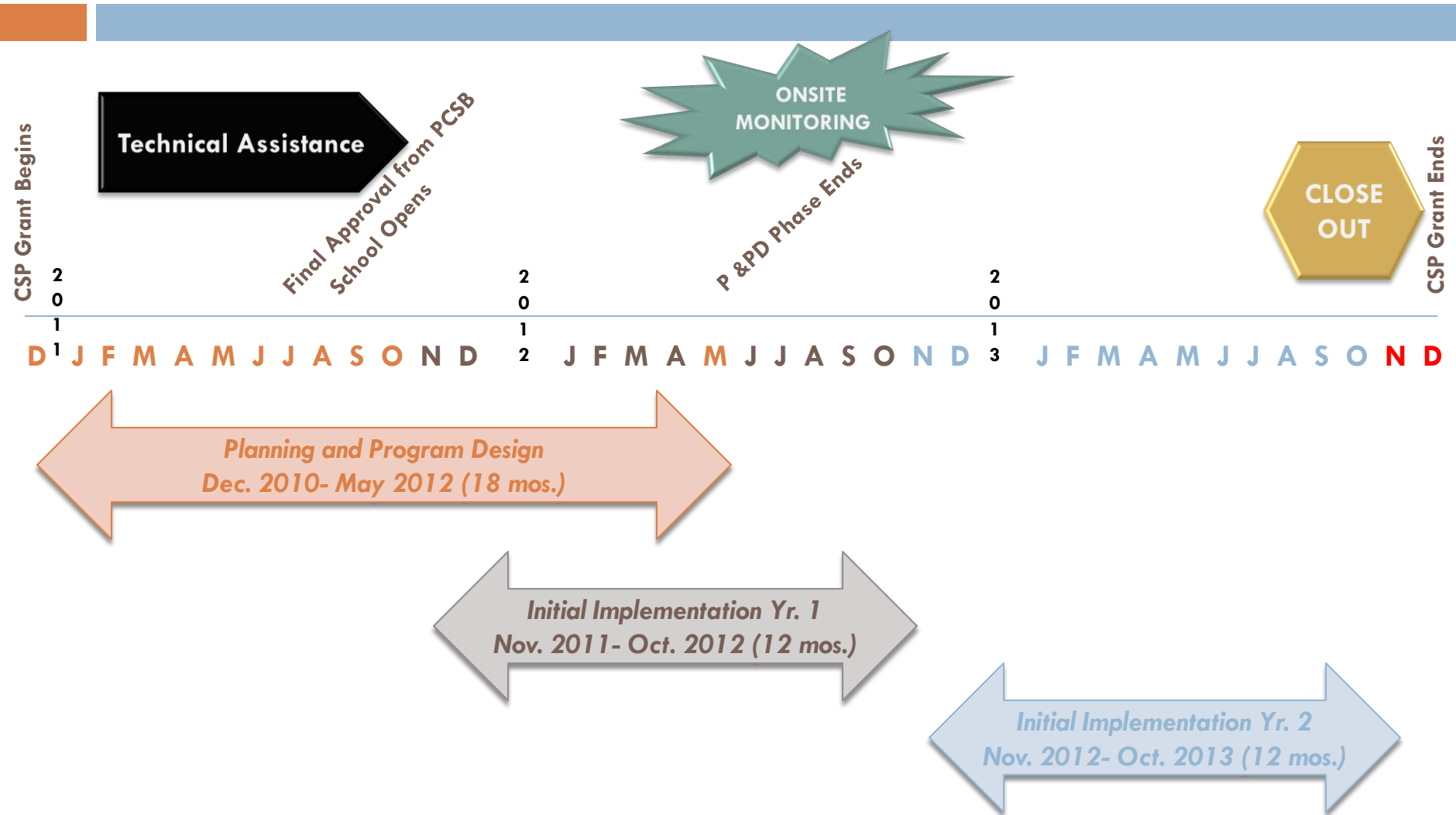
Planning and Program Design

- Refinement of the desired educational outcomes of the charter school and the methods for measuring progress toward achieving those results (e.g., retaining a consultant to assist the school in selecting appropriate assessment instruments that are aligned to the school's proposed curriculum)
- Professional development of teachers and other staff who will work in the charter school as well as board members (e.g., funding teacher training seminars and board governance training)
- Expenses for use of office space, rent, equipment rental, phone, fax, postage/shipping

Initial Implementation

- Informing the community about the school (e.g., advertisements, public meetings, direct mail)
- Acquiring necessary equipment, educational materials and supplies related to the operations of the charter school
- Acquiring and developing curriculum materials
- Payment of reasonable consultant fees associated with operating the charter school (e.g., accounting firm)
- Payment of reasonable fees for contracted services for curriculum and policy development related specifically to start-up and/or operation

Timeline of Start-Up Grant Phases



Former Start-up Sub-grantees

- ❑ Achievement Preparatory Academy

- ❑ Ms. Shantelle Wright, Founder & Head of School

- ❑ Excel Academy

- ❑ Ms. Kaye Savage, Founder & Chief Executive Officer

- ❑ National Collegiate Preparatory

- ❑ Ms. Jennifer Ross, Co- Founder & Executive Director

- ❑ Thea Bowman Preparatory Academy

- ❑ Mr. Mark Cosenza, Principal

- ❑ Washington Yu Ying

- ❑ Ms. Mary Shaffner, Founding Executive Director

QUESTION & ANSWER



Next Steps

☐ **FY 2011 Charter Schools Program Planning and Implementation Grant**
Release date, October 8, 2010, check OSSE website- www.osse.dc.gov

☐ **Pre-Application Conference October 19, 2010, 10:00am**

☐ **Application due November 8, 2010**

☐ **If you have any questions, please contact Renée Evans, Program Manager, reneem.evans@dc.gov, 202.727.8488**

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